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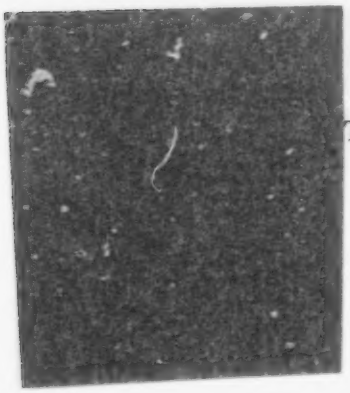

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Eighteenth session

SUMMARY RECORD OF THE 2nd MEETING*

Held at the Vienna International Centre, Vienna,
on Friday, 12 September 1997, at 3 p.m.

*President:* Mr. POSTA (Hungary)

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*The public meeting was called to order at 5.10 p.m.*

**RECOMMENDATION OF A CANDIDATE FOR THE POST OF DIRECTOR-GENERAL** *(continued)* (IDB.18/6 and Add.1, IDB.18/7, IDB.18/L.2, IDB.18/L.3

1. **The PRESIDENT** invited the Board to consider the following draft decision (IDB.18/L.2):

"The Industrial Development Board, acting in accordance with Article 11.2 of the Constitution, decides to recommend to the General Conference the appointment of Mr. Carlos Alfredo Magariños as Director-General of UNIDO for a period of four years from 8 December 1997 or until the Director-General appointed at the ninth regular session of the General Conference assumes office, whichever is later".

2. *The draft decision was adopted.*

3. **The PRESIDENT** offered his congratulations to the successful candidate and submitted to the Board the draft contract establishing the terms and conditions of appointment of the Director-General, contained in the annex to document IDB.18/7 and accompanying draft resolution IDB.18/L.3.

4. **Mr. BORCHARD** (Germany) said that, as his authorities were still considering particular aspects of the contract, the matter should not be dealt with at the current session but at the next opportunity, namely, at the forthcoming session of the General Conference.

5. After a short procedural discussion in which **Mr. KHALIL** (Tunisia), **Mr. BORCHARD** (Germany) and **Mr. MAYERHOFER-GRÜNBÜHEL** (Austria) participated, **the PRESIDENT** suggested that the Board might wish to discuss the terms and conditions of the Director-General's contract at the resumed current session of the Board due to take place in November 1997.

6. *It was so agreed.*

7. **Mr. LI CHANGHE** (China), **Mr. CELSO de OURO-PRETO** (Brazil), speaking on behalf of GRULAC and the Group of 77, **Mr. KHALIL** (Tunisia), speaking on behalf of the African countries, **Mr. AMIRKHIZI** (Islamic Republic of Iran), speaking on behalf of the Asian Group, **Mr. MOLITOR** (Observer for Luxembourg), speaking on behalf of the European Union Presidency, **Mr. AMROHI** (India), **Mr. RWENDEIRE** (Uganda), **Mr. MAYRHOFER-GRÜNBÜHEL** (Austria), **Mr. AL-HUSAINI** (Saudi Arabia), **Mr. SOKOLOV** (Russian Federation), **Mr. IKEDA** (Japan), **Mr. MANNO** (Italy), **Mr. LEE** (Republic of Korea), **Mr. HOBEICA** (Lebanon), **Mr. BREITER** (Switzerland), **Mr. BADESCU** (Romania), **Mr. ORTIZ GARCIA** (Spain), **Mr. BOUKITA** (Morocco), **Mr. DASQUE** (France), **Mr. FATUNLA** (Nigeria), **Mr. HEZZAH** (Observer for the League of Arab States), **Mr. HALIM MOHAMED** (Sudan) and **Mr. UMER** (Pakistan) congratulated Mr. Magariños on his election as the Board's candidate for Director-General, expressing their confidence in his ability to deal successfully with the challenges that lay ahead of UNIDO as it continued to steer its course through a difficult period. Mr. Magariños had been elected on the basis of his professional qualifications and personal qualities rather than his national or regional affiliation and had won support transcending the boundaries of geographical groups. He would thus be a Director-General representing the entire Organization with all its different interests and objectives, his youth and dynamism lending it renewed vigour at a critical point in its history.

8. **Mr. KAEZURBA** (Poland) conveyed his delegation's congratulations to Mr. Magariños and thanked the Board for its support for Mr. Rosati, which had also transcended national and regional boundaries. His delegation looked forward to cooperating closely with the new Director-General in striving to achieve the Organization's future goals.

9. **Mr. PESCI BOUREL** (Argentina) said that the honour bestowed on his country through the clear majority won by its candidate brought with it the responsibility to add its own efforts to the enthusiasm and exceptional qualities of Mr. Magariños, who wished to convey his gratitude to the Board for its support and his commitment to institute the necessary reforms to promote UNIDO as an efficient, modern and vigorous organization and as an instrument for progress. The international community's expectations and aspirations could be fulfilled, however, only through the determined efforts of all States to strengthen the Organization and provide it with clear guidance.

10. **Mr. DE MARIA Y CAMPOS** (Director-General) offered his congratulations to Mr. Magariños, whose election was a source of satisfaction to him personally, both as a Latin American and as a national of a developing country. It was vital that Latin America continue to demonstrate its major role in the world through the United Nations and that the industrialization

of the developing countries and economies in transition proceed successfully.

11. While the task facing Mr. Magariños was no easy one, he certainly possessed the necessary capabilities, experience—despite his youth—and dynamism to move the Organization forward and to fulfil its mandate, a task for which he would need not only verbal and moral but also practical support in the shape of an adequate programme and assured financial resources based on the regular budget and technical cooperation funds.

12. For his part, he would endeavour to provide a smooth transition for Mr. Magariños, thereby ensuring that the achievements of the reform to date constituted an appropriate platform for the new stage of UNIDO's consolidation. For that purpose he expressed his readiness to meet Mr. Magariños from time to time until the next General Conference session.

## ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE FIRST SEGMENT OF THE EIGHTEENTH SESSION

13. **The PRESIDENT** proposed that the Rapporteur be entrusted with preparing the report on the first segment of the current session.

14. *It was so decided.*

## SUSPENSION OF THE SESSION

15. **The PRESIDENT** declared the session suspended.

*The meeting rose at 6.30 p.m.*